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8 May 1946

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 33

SUBJECT: Intelligence on Foreign Industrial Establishments

REFERENCE: (a) Planning Directive No. 32, Subject: Allocation and Coordination of Intelligence Research Responsibilities.

1. The Problem:

a. The Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence, a memorandum dated 14 March 1946, same subject as above. The problem stated in the memorandum was the establishment of an interdepartmental procedure for determining and meeting the requirements of all federal agencies for intelligence on foreign industrial establishments. The memorandum recommended that the NIA initiate an interdepartmental program by which each federal agency requiring intelligence on foreign industrial establishments would have its requirement met by the agency or agencies possessing the facilities most suitable for the production of such intelligence.

b. The only Central Planning Staff copy of the memorandum referred to in a above, is inclosed with the original of this Directive for file in the Intelligence Branch.

c. The problem presented by this memorandum is one part of the overall problem of the coordination of intelligence research, particularly that phase covered by Planning Directive No. 32.

d. The associated problem of coordination of collecting activity in the field of intelligence on foreign industrial establishments will be covered separately by Planning Directive No. 34.

e. By memorandum of 3 May 1946, Subject: Foreign Industrial Establishments, the Chief, Information Branch, furnished constructive comments. A copy of his memorandum is inclosed under the original hereof for file in the Intelligence Branch.

f. Admiral Souers desires that the CIG solution of the problem be given high priority.

2. Planning Requirement:

a. The Intelligence Branch will study this problem, giving particular attention to the suggestions contained in the memorandums referred to in 1 a

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and 1 g, above. The Branch will consider the relation of the problem to that set up by Planning Directive No. 32, and will also consider the tentative treatment of the analogous problem set up by Planning Directive No. 28 (Coordination of Production of Scientific Intelligence).

h. The Intelligence Branch will submit in duplicate a draft of necessary OIG action, furnishing an additional copy to the Policy and Review Branch.

g. In view of paragraph 1 f, the solution of this problem will be given priority over the broader problem covered by Planning Directive No. 32. However, if possible, the solution should be generally consistent with the intended solution of the broader problem.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted on 15 May.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Acting Deputy Chief, Central Planning Staff

2 Inclosures:

- Incl. 1 - Memo dtd 14 Mar from State Dept (with original only)
- Incl. 2 - Memo dtd 3 May from Info Branch (Secret) - (1 copy to Int. Br., and 1 copy in subject file - Coordination of Intelligence Research)

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